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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450**Dear Sir:****AMENDMENT B**

This Amendment B is being filed along with a Request for Continuing Examination and is in response to the Office Action of April 16, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on September 16, 2004 and a five-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in order to maintain pendency to allow the filing of the RCE.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**Listing/Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.****Amendments to the Drawings None.****Remarks/Discussion begin on page 7 of this paper.**